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SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer(T.D.) filed:

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant of the T.D. If you disagree or have any questions, please see me or the Special Program Examiner. THIS IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE (1) MAILED TO APPLICANT OR (2) PLACED OF RECORD IN THE APPLICATION FILE. When your action is complete,

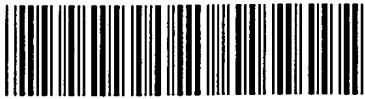
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- ☒ The T.D. is PROPER and has been recorded (see 14.23).
- ☐ The T.D. is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below (see 14.24):
- ☐ The TD fee of [] has not been submitted nor is there any authorization in the application file for the use of a deposit account
 - ☐ The T.D. does not satisfy Rule 321 in that the person who has signed the T.D. has not stated the extent of his/her interest (and/or the extent of the interest of the business entity represented by the signature) in the application/patent (see 14.26 & 14.26.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during common ownership clause - needed to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Rule 321(b) (see 14.27.01).
 - ☐ The T.D. is directed to a particular claim(s), which is not acceptable since "the disclaimer must be for a terminal portion of the term of the entire patent to be granted" (MPEP 1490) (see 14.26 & 14.26.02).
 - ☐ The person who signed the T.D.:
 - ☐ is not an attorney "of record" (see 14.29 and 14.29.01).
 - ☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity (see 14.28).
 - ☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee (see 14.29 & possible 14.29.02).
 - ☐ No documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to assignee has been submitted, nor is the reel and frame number specified as to where such evidence is recorded in the Office (see 37 CFR 3.73(b) and 1140 O.G. 72). NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame number may be found in the T.D. or in a separate paper of record in the application (see 14.30).
 - ☐ The T.D. is not signed (see 14.26 & 14.26.03).
 - ☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting rejection is missing or incorrect (see 14.32).
 - ☐ The serial number of this application (or the number of the patent in reexam or reissue cases being disclaimed is missing or incorrect (see 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.05).
 - ☐ The period disclaimed is incorrect or not specified (see 14.26, 14.27.02 or 14.26.03).
 - ☐ Other: []
 - ☐ Suggestion to request refund (see 14.36). NOTE: If already authorized, credit refund to deposit account and do not check this item.

I have appropriately notified applicant(s) of the status of the Terminal Disclaimer filed in this case.

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Application Number 	Application/Control No. 10/823,474	Applicant(s)/Patent under Reexamination SAITO ET AL.	
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED
Date Filed : April 9, 2008	This patent is subject to a Terminal Disclaimer	

Approved/Disapproved by:
Henry D. Jefferson

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Masamichi Saito et al.)	
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Application No. 10/823,474)	Examiner: C. Renner
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Filing Date: April 13, 2004)	
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For: Self-Pinned CPP Giant Magnetoresistive)	
Head With AntiFerromagnetic Film Absent)	Art Unit: 2627
From Current Path)	
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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.321(a)

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Sir or Madam:

In response to an Office Action dated December 12, 2007, applicants, through their attorneys, submit the subject Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. §1.321(a). Applicants note the Examiner's statement that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. The undersigned attorney submits on behalf of assignee, Alps Electric Corporation Co., Ltd. of Japan, a terminal disclaimer showing common ownership of the subject patent application and U.S. Patent No. 7,220,499 and pending application Serial No. 10/823,473, now U.S. Patent No. 7,327,539.

On behalf of assignee, the undersigned attorney represents that assignee owns the entire right, title and interest in the subject matter disclosed in the above-identified patent application. The

undersigned attorney also represents that assignee owns the entire right, title and interest in the subject matter disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 7,220,499 and 7,327,539.

Assignee hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified patent application which would extend beyond the expiration date of any patent granted on commonly owned U.S. Patent Nos. 7,220,499 and 7,327,539.

Assignee acknowledges that any patent granted on the subject application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that said patent application is commonly owned with any patents granted on commonly-owned U.S. Patent Nos. 7,220,499 and 7,327,539.

Assignee does not disclaim any terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified patent application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent granted on U.S. Patent Nos. 7,220,499 and 7,327,539 in the event that either later expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally declaimed under 37 CFR §1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by reexamination certificate, or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of its statutory term except for the separation of legal title stated above.

Assignee acknowledges that any patent granted on subject patent application serial No. 10/823,474 or any patent subject to reexamination proceedings shall be enforceable only for and during such period that said patent is commonly owned with U.S. Patent Nos. 7,220,499 and 7,327,539, which formed the basis for the rejection.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account listed on the transmittal letter accompanying this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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